

HONORING MR. ALAN R. PARHAM

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Alan R. Parham as he receives the Labor Man of the Year Award from the Friends of Labor Committee of Laborers' Local 332. Mr. Parham is the Fund Administrator of the Laborer's International Union of North America Local 332, a local union representing thousands of construction workers in the Philadelphia area.

Mr. Parham is responsible for the administration and operation of a variety of the Laborers' funds with assets in excess of \$750 million for providing pension, health, and annuity benefits to over 12,000 people and their families. He has more than 25 years of experience working for the Benefit Fund, and been a member of the union for even longer, following in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather, who were both members of Local 332.

In addition to managing the benefit portfolio, Mr. Parham has a passion for health awareness initiatives, serving on the executive board of the Delaware Valley Health Coalition. He has led several initiatives within the union with a focus on the health of union members and their families. Under his direction, the Benefit Fund is undertaking a program to educate and encourage 50% of eligible members to get tested for prostate cancer.

I invite you and all of my colleagues to join me in commemorating Mr. Parham's accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA PRIMARY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a community-based health care association that has served my home state of South Carolina for 35 years. South Carolina Primary Health Care Association has provided extraordinary care and has earned the appreciation and admiration of a grateful community.

South Carolina Primary Health Care Association held its initial meeting on May 3, 1979 and became incorporated in August of the same year. Its mission is to provide a coordinating structure that assures access to community-based primary, behavioral, and other health care services to every community in the state.

Today South Carolina Primary Health Care Association operates under the expressed vision, "Access to Quality Health Care for All South Carolina" and has efficiently and effectively provided such services across our state. On December 5th, they will be celebrating their 35th Anniversary of assisting the citizens of South Carolina.

Since their establishment in 1979, they have been working to increase the availability of quality health care to low-income, uninsured, isolated, vulnerable and special needs popu-

lations. They are committed to meeting the unique health care needs of these clientele and work tirelessly to reduce health disparities across the state. They have also coordinated initiatives to strengthen the local community health centers across the state.

I would also like to personally thank their CEO, Lathran Woodard, and Board Chair, Carolyn Emanuel-McClain, for their continued dedication to breaking through the barriers that often prevent the offering of high quality preventive and primary health care services to those in need.

According to the America's Health Rankings, South Carolina is ranked 43rd in the country for overall health. The United Health Foundation attributes this ranking to numerous factors including high rates of diabetes, obesity and infectious diseases. Without organizations like the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association these numbers would in all probability be much higher. The people of my home state truly benefit from this organization.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association for its 35 years of compassionate health care services. As the Association continues to grow and expand much-needed services, I commend the staff and administration for its commitment to improving the quality and accessibility of health care to the people of South Carolina. I look forward to its continued service to my state.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLEAN OCEAN ACTION

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Clean Ocean Action as it celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. Clean Ocean Action continues to advocate for improved ocean quality off both the New Jersey and New York coasts.

For 30 years, Clean Ocean Action has worked to protect our waterways from pollution and drilling. It conducts research, educates the public, lobbies elected officials and monitors activity to ensure laws are being followed. It not only identifies sources of pollution, it also seeks solutions and alternatives to environmentally harmful issues and activities.

Since its inception, 8 ocean dumpsites have been closed, the first Clean Ocean Zone has been established, federal legislation has been established to prohibit ocean dumping and over 5 million pieces of trash have been collected from the Jersey Shore during its biannual beach sweeps.

Currently based out of Sandy Hook in Highlands, New Jersey, Clean Ocean Action began above a hardware store in Sea Bright, New Jersey. It is led by Executive Director Cindy Zipf, who is also one of the founders of the organization. The coalition is comprised of 125 groups, including community, environmental, fishing, conservation, student, and service groups, among many others. Its members assist Clean Ocean Action staff in promoting policies and campaigns aimed at eliminating identified pollution issues.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Clean Ocean Action on its 30th anniversary. The ongoing efforts of Clean Ocean Action to fulfill its mission of improving coastal water quality is truly deserving of this body's recognition.

HONORING THE LIVES OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVES PHIL CRANE AND LANE EVANS

SPEECH OF

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my good friend and former colleague, Phil Crane.

Phil was one of the first members I met when I came up here.

Later on, I had the great honor and pleasure to serve with Phil on the Ways and Means Committee.

As a fellow conservative on the Committee, I had the good fortune to work with Phil—from fighting to provide tax relief to making health care more affordable for Americans.

As someone who got to know him well, I can say that he was more than just a great public servant.

He was a great conservative leader. Phil passionately believed in freedom and free-enterprise.

Back in 1973, he helped create a group for House conservatives known as the Republican Study Committee. In fact, he served as the group's first Chairman.

Years later, I was proud to follow in his footsteps by helping to bring House conservatives together again through the Conservative Action Team, the forerunner to today's Republican Study Committee.

I am forever grateful for Phil's longstanding fight for conservative principles. And I am forever blessed by his friendship.

Mr. Speaker, above all Phil was a great American.

While he will be greatly missed, his legacy to make this country a better place lives on.

May God bless Phil and his family.

APPROVAL OF THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 13, 2014

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to H.R. 5682, a bill to approve the Keystone XL pipeline by circumventing the ongoing regulatory process. Rather than building infrastructure to transport dirty fossil fuels, we should be creating new jobs for our constituents by modernizing our transportation system and upgrading failing infrastructure.

Despite some recent gains, our economic recovery is not yet reaching all of our constituents. I agree with supporters of this bill from both sides of the aisle that we must not delay consideration of legislation putting our constituents back to work. House leadership

should allow us to vote on and pass a long-term transportation bill, for example. The proposal before us will result in short term job gains in some areas, but the tradeoff is a continued reliance on an outdated, dirty energy source.

There is a long list of important legislation awaiting consideration by this Congress that will support new jobs, including the National Infrastructure Development Bank Act, the Bring Jobs Home Act, the Make it in America Manufacturing Act, and legislation to extend tax provisions that lead to the construction of clean energy projects. I have no doubt we can find consensus on these and other policies that will increase American competitiveness and put our constituents back to work, but the bill I opposed today is not the approach we should be taking.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill so we can work together to create new economic opportunities for our constituents.

CONGRATULATING THE FATIMA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Fatima High School Girls Cross Country Team for winning the Class 2 Missouri State Championship.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Fatima Comets for a job well done.

GREAT LAKES MARITIME HERITAGE ASSESSMENT ACT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Assessment Act, an important bill to promote and preserve the sunken treasures of the Great Lakes.

The rich maritime history of the Great Lakes is an integral part of the American narrative. Millions of immigrants who settled the region and started America's westward expansion arrived on Great Lakes steamboats. As cities grew, Great Lakes ships and barges carried the timber, coal, and ore that fueled America's industrial might. One of America's first great naval victories, the Battle of Lake Erie, was won on the Great Lakes. Today, much of this heritage remains, beneath the waters of the Great Lakes.

Despite thousands of shipwrecks throughout the Great Lakes, the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary is the only designated sanctuary in the lakes. Located in Lake Huron, off the coast of Alpena, Michigan, Thunder Bay Sanctuary has been a major economic driver for the area, spurring tourism, research, and educational opportunities. We can build on the success of Thunder Bay by establishing additional sanctuaries across the Great Lakes.

This bill would direct the Administrator of NOAA to identify underwater areas throughout

the Great Lakes that possess significant historical and archaeological resources and recommend whether they should be designated as National Marine Sanctuaries.

Preserving the cultural legacy of our region is an important component of caring for our Great Lakes, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to achieve this goal.

IN MEMORY OF BETTY FRANCIS DENT

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Betty Francis Dent died on Monday, November 10, 2014, at the age of 82. Funeral services will be held at Shortess Chapel on November 15, 2014, in Columbia, South Carolina. Betty Dent was a member of the board of trustees for both Columbia International University for 14 years and Ben Lippen School for seven years. Mrs. Dent was the wife of the late, Harry Shuler Dent, Sr., the legendary visionary who helped establish a two-party system in South Carolina producing a Republican majority.

Her obituary, published on Columbia International University's website contained this tribute:

BETTY FRANCIS DENT

Betty Dent, a former member of the Columbia International University Board of Trustees and a longtime supporter of CIU, passed away in West Columbia, South Carolina on Nov. 10. She was 82.

Betty supported her husband, the late Harry Dent Sr. as he served in numerous leadership positions in state and federal government, including service in the White House under President Richard Nixon and as an advisor to Presidents Jerry Ford and George H.W. Bush.

In the mid-1970s, Betty served on the S.C. Mental Health Advisory Board and was recognized as one of the Ten Most Outstanding Women in Columbia.

Betty and Harry served together in ministry, founding Laity Alive and Serving in 1985, through which they coordinated mission trips around the world, especially to Romania. Betty also coordinated Market Place Bible Studies and assisted Harry when he was chairman of the Billy Graham Crusade in Columbia. In 1992, Betty and Harry wrote "Right Versus Wrong: Solutions to the American Nightmare," detailing stories of their upbringing in dysfunctional and alcoholic homes.

Betty Dent's memorial service will be celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 3:30 p.m. at the place she loved most: Columbia International University. Visitation will begin at 2:00. Both the visitation and memorial service will be in Shortess Chapel.

CONGRATULATING THE FATIMA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

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OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 14, 2014

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark an important anniversary. In two days, the Daughters of Penelope, an international woman's organization and affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), will celebrate its 85th anniversary on November 16. Founded in San Francisco, the Daughters of Penelope originally worked to improve the status and well-being of women and their families. They also sought to provide women with the opportunity to make significant contributions to their communities and country. After successfully achieving many of their early goals, the Daughters of Penelope now promote the ideals of ancient Greece: philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence, achieved through community service and volunteerism.

I am a proud Greek-American. As a young boy, my grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles instilled in me an appreciation for our beautiful Greek culture, which focuses on family, community, and faith. As Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, it is with great pride that I see these values shine through the Daughters of Penelope today, across all of its 250 chapters worldwide. Through the exceptional Penelope House in Mobile, Alabama and Penelope's Place in Brockton, Massachusetts, the organization vigorously supports efforts to combat domestic violence in Greece as well as the United States. The development of these shelters brought renewed hope to many areas with suffering families who previously did not have access to the same level of care.

As a member of the Congressional Cancer Caucus, I am impressed with the organization's efforts to provide financial support and raise awareness for medical research on treatments for breast cancer, Thalassemia (Cooley's anemia), muscular dystrophy, and Alzheimer's disease. The Daughters of Penelope are also a leading sponsor of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 202 Housing for the Elderly Program, which offers affordable housing to senior citizens in Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Texas.

In addition to helping the elderly, the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc., supports the educational objectives of the Daughters of Penelope by providing tens of thousands of dollars annually for scholarships, sponsoring educational seminars, and donating children's books to schools, shelters and churches through the "Penelope's Books" program. Last year, the organization worked with our Hellenic Caucus and the Embassy of Greece to promote the health related benefits of eating a "Healthy Greek Diet" here in Washington, D.C. After eighty-five meaningful and productive years, it excites me to see what the